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REMARKS

Claims 37-39, 41-42, 45-47, 50, 53-55, 58-60, 63-65 and 67-68 were pending in the Application. Applicants cancelled claims 37, 38, 41, 45, 46, 63, 64 and 67 without prejudice or disclaimer. Hence, claims 39, 42, 47, 50, 53-55, 58-60, 65 and 68 are pending in the Application. Applicants cancelled claims 37, 38, 41, 45, 46, 63, 64 and 67 only to expedite the issuance of claims 39, 42, 47, 50, 53-55, 58-60, 65 and 68 and not in response to the Examiner's cited art. Applicants are not conceding in this application that cancelled claims 37, 38, 41, 45, 46, 63, 64 and 67 are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the subject matter (claims 39, 42, 47, 50, 53-55, 58-60, 65 and 68) indicated by the Examiner as being allowable. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these (cancelled claims 37, 38, 41, 45, 46, 63, 64 and 67) and other claims in one or more continuation patent applications.

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As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicants that claims 39, 42, 47, 50, 53-55, 58-60, 65 and 68 in the Application are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request an allowance of such claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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